

## Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Agenda for board meeting of 13 April 2006, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne.

### **1. Minutes**

That the minutes of the meeting of 09 February 2006 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate.

### **2. Helen Keellings**

Helen is no longer with the Architeam Co-operative, is no longer the co-operative's delegate and is not able, therefore, to continue on the board. She left Architeam at the end of December 2005.

### **3. Correspondence**

Documentation: Board Members Area - Correspondence - Board Meeting 13 April 2006

[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_correspondence.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_correspondence.htm)

New member: Footscray Rental Housing Co-operative Ltd.

New delegate: Co-operative Energy Ltd.

Details of Footscray Rental Housing Co-operative Ltd emailed to directors on 5 April 2006.

### **4. Audit of CAV Grant**

Documentation: Board Members Area – Finance – Board Meeting 13 April 2006

[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_financial.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_financial.htm)

A copy of the no surprises audit was emailed to directors on 3 April 2006. CAV has been advised that board will consider audit on 13 April 2006. It is proposed that we seek to use outstanding funds to further co-operative education until end June 2006 and that a submission for 2006-07 be forwarded by end June 2006.

### **5. I.C.A Report.**

Documentation: Board Members Area - International Co-operative Alliance - Board Meeting 13 April 2006

[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_ica.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_ica.htm)

### **6. Co-operative Identity Workshop**

Documentation: Board Members Area - Co-operative Education - Board Meeting 13 April 2006

[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_education.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_education.htm)

Capricorn and Murray Goulburn have said yes with final arrangements to be negotiated. Co-operativesWA want a workshop for their members in lieu of their normal annual conference with final arrangements to be negotiated. Board needs to discuss CFV workshop. Copies of proposed CFV and CWA workshops emailed to directors on 5 April 2006. Future possible workshop for merged herd improvement co-operatives. Other loose ends – UDV and Rabobank. Graeme Charles will present a verbal report.

## **7. Financial reports**

Documentation: Board Members Area Board Meeting 13 April 2006  
[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_financial.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_financial.htm)

Reports on deposits made were emailed to directors on 7 and 8 April 2006.

## **8. SouthEast Housing Co-operative**

[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_other.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_other.htm)

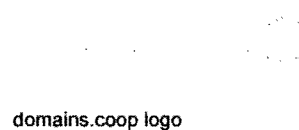
An updated report on the consultancy work with the SEHC was emailed to directors on 7 April 2006.

## **9. australia.coop**

Documentation: Board Members Area - australia.coop - Board Meeting 13 April 2006  
[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_australiacoop.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_australiacoop.htm)

Met with Neil Homer, General Manager of domains.coop, on 03 April 2006 - as part of a Pacific tour to promote the domain name to co-ops in the region. Neil had visited New Zealand and was about to visit Singapore.

domains.coop is based in Oxford, UK and is the biggest retailer of the .COOP domain name in the world with over 3,000 co-op customers. It is part of the Midcounties Co-operative Ltd, one of the UK's largest and most successful consumer co-operatives.



Neil says, "I am looking forward to visiting fellow co-operators in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore to spread the word about .COOP. It is already the Internet's most successful restricted domain name – in our case only co-ops can register and use the name. But it has so much more potential to help promote and network the world's most successful and innovative co-ops, like ours."

Neil separately met with Graeme Charles and Peter Jamieson, representing North East Telecommunications Co-operative Ltd. Peter transported our guest to Tullamarine Airport.

## 10. Auditor

## 11. Other business

### 11.1 Co-operative Workshop

----- Original Message -----

**From:** David Griffiths

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 11:29 PM

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to Participate in a Workshop on Cooperative Movements in Australia - Lessons for Developing Countries

Directors

For your information.

David Griffiths

**From:** David Griffiths [<mailto:cfv@australia.coop>]

**Sent:** Thursday, 6 April 2006 11:29 PM

**To:** 'Sarath Delpachitra'

**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Participate in a Workshop on Cooperative Movements in Australia - Lessons for Developing Countries

Sarah

The Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd would be pleased to participate but this would be dependent on the costs of our participation being met.

David Griffiths

Secretary

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**From:** Sarath Delpachitra [<mailto:delpachi@usq.edu.au>]

**Sent:** Thursday, 6 April 2006 9:05 PM

**To:** [cds@netconnect.com.au](mailto:cds@netconnect.com.au); [peter.gates@mercury.org.au](mailto:peter.gates@mercury.org.au); [cfv@australia.coop](mailto:cfv@australia.coop); [jha@tpg.com.au](mailto:jha@tpg.com.au); [subramaniam.jayahanthan@oft.commerce.nsw.gov.au](mailto:subramaniam.jayahanthan@oft.commerce.nsw.gov.au)

**Subject:** Invitation to Participate in a Workshop on Cooperative Movements in Australia - Lessons for Developing Countries

Hi,

I am currently working at the University of Southern Queensland and have agreed to host a workshop/study tour for a group of Senios executives including 7 provincial ministers and a cabinet minister in-charge of the Ministry of Cooperative and Cooperative Development.

As a part of this program I am intending to organise an interactive workshop on Cooperative Movements in Australia to give participants some insight to the cooperatives in Australia. The venue of this workshop is yet to be decided but it will be held in Sydney or Brisbane either in late April or early May.

Could you please let me know whether you are interested in participating? If so kindly respond to this e-mail asap with you contact phone numbers so that I could contact you early.

Thanks in advance.

Sarath.

Dr. Sarath Delpachitra  
(Coop Rural Banking Specialist – ADB Rural Finance Project)  
University of Southern Qld  
Toowoomba.

## **11.2 Co-operative Legislation**

[http://www.australia.coop/b\\_members/b\\_members\\_legislation.htm](http://www.australia.coop/b_members/b_members_legislation.htm)

It was noted that two legislative drafts had been released:

Draft: Capital Credit Units 2005

Draft: Mutual Recognition 2005

It was also noted that Co-operativesWA had made a submission on the drafts:  
Co-operatives WA submission to Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs,  
February 2006

It was agreed at the meeting on 09 February 2006 to review the drafts and the Co-operativesWA submission before the next meeting.

## **11.3 Co-operative Council of Australia**

**David Griffiths**